



Environmental/Natural Resource Economist
Office of Response and Restoration
Silver Spring, MD

I.M. Systems Group Inc., (www.imsig.com), a contractor to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), seeks an economist to conduct natural resource damage assessments for oil spills and hazardous waste sites. This individual will work with NOAA's Assessment and Restoration Division under the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP- www.DARRP.noaa.gov/) in the areas of economics for damage assessments, methods development, and technical support for policy initiatives. This position is located in NOAA's Silver Spring, Maryland offices.

The Assessment and Restoration Division's mission is to protect and restore coastal and marine resources injured by the release of oil or hazardous substances or direct physical impacts such as vessel groundings. Responsibilities of the incumbent will include: conducting economic assessments to determine the appropriate type and scale of restoration to compensate the public for natural resource injuries; working as part of an interdisciplinary team of scientists and attorneys on natural resource damage assessment cases; providing technical support to the NOAA Office of General Counsel and the Department of Justice in natural resource damage litigation; managing research conducted by academic experts and consulting firms; and developing improved, cost-effective methods and procedures for conducting natural resource damage assessments.

Core Responsibilities:

- Employee shall provide technical support for the successful design and conduct of natural resource damage assessments.
- Employee shall conduct economic research and evaluate alternative damage assessment methods. Methods will focus on scaling the level of restoration necessary to compensate the public and the environment for natural resource injuries.
- Employee shall maximize contributions to the office by enhancing personal professional development via identifying and seeking appropriate training and participation in professional meetings.

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications:

- Master's or Doctorate degree in economics, preferably in one of more of the following sub-disciplines: environmental, natural resource, or agricultural economics; or environmental policy with an emphasis in quantitative economic analysis.
- U.S. Citizenship
- Strong verbal and writing skills.
- Strong computer and analytical skills
- Self-motivated, energetic, strategic thinker.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in valuing natural resources and environmental goods and services.
- Knowledge of damage assessment procedures mandated by CERCLA and OPA.
- Experience working in litigation.
- Experience working on interdisciplinary teams.

To Apply:

Qualified candidates may apply by e-mailing a resume, the contact information for three (3) references and a cover letter explaining how their qualifications meet the needs of the job requirement (MS Word format strongly preferred) to the following email address: jobs@img.com with the subject heading **NOA13002 – Environmental Natural Resource Economist.** Inclusion of copies of undergraduate and graduate college transcripts and a writing sample (preferably a technical paper or report) is encouraged. Please include your salary expectations in your cover letter. The vacancy announcement is open until filled.

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